



## Nathan Wayne Baker

October 13, 1945 - August 7, 2023

Nathan Wayne Baker 77 of Cedar Creek, he was born on October 13, 1945 in Rockdale, TX to Robert “Babe” Baker and Bertha (Nelson) Baker.

He graduated from Rockdale High School in 1964 and joined the US Navy in 1966 where he served as a Fire Control Technician (Gunfire Control) on the USS New Jersey (BB-62). Nathan served for three years during the Vietnam War where he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service medal with 2 bronze stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon and Combat Action Ribbon. He was Honorably Discharged in 1969 with the rank of Petty Officer Second Class.

Upon his discharge Nathan moved back to Rockdale and worked at Alcoa during which he met Regena Gwen Hammett. They were married on December 29, 1973 in Rockdale and moved to San Marcos so Nathan could attend Southwest Texas State University. He graduated in 1975 with a degree in Aquatic Biology. Nathan worked for the Veteran’s Administration in Austin, TX as a Mainframe systems programmer from 1981 until his retirement in 2012. In his spare time, Nathan enjoyed watching his sons, granddaughters and extended family play youth sports such as baseball and soccer. He was an avid gardener, and his award-winning tomatoes were beloved by family and friends alike. He enjoyed classic rock, courtroom procedural dramas, coin collecting and bird watching.

Nathan passed away on August 7th at 3:24 PM surrounded by his loved ones. He is preceded in death by his parents; step mother, Mildred Luckey Baker;

brother, Don Baker, and a sister, Bobbie Moore.

Nathan is survived by his wife, Regena Baker of Cedar Creek, TX; sons, Trey Baker and wife Holly of Manor, and Ryan Baker and wife Allison of Richardson, TX; sister, Elaine Tuttle of Bryan; granddaughters, Claire and Emma Baker of Richardson, TX; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was a wonderful husband, brother, father, pawpaw and uncle the will be missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale

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Rockdale, TX 76567

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# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nathan Wayne Baker.

September 14, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nathan Wayne Baker.



September 14, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nathan Wayne Baker.



September 13, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nathan Wayne Baker.

September 13, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Nathan Wayne Baker.*



September 12, 2023 at 03:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nathan Wayne Baker.

September 12, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ *Napa Valley Charm Wine Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Nathan Wayne Baker.*



September 12, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ *Connie F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nathan Wayne Baker.*

Connie F. - September 07, 2023 at 02:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nathan Wayne Baker.

September 04, 2023 at 10:44 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Nathan Wayne Baker.*



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September 04, 2023 at 10:44 PM



“ *Linda S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nathan Wayne Baker.*

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**Linda S.** - August 30, 2023 at 06:55 PM



“ *Regina - Dad and I are so sorry to hear about Nathan. I'll never forget his warm and full laugh that brightened any room. Such a light of a person. We miss you all and send you healing hugs. - Rachel and Roger Applegate*

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**Rachel Applegate** - August 18, 2023 at 03:33 PM



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August 18, 2023 at 03:29 PM



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August 18, 2023 at 03:29 PM



“ I was so so sorry to hear about Nathan. He was always very nice to me, and I believe a great big brother to Don. Regina if u need anything at all just ask.

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**Angelique Delagarza** - August 16, 2023 at 05:29 PM



“ Angelique D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nathan Wayne Baker.

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**Angelique D.** - August 16, 2023 at 05:21 PM



“ Regena,  
I didn't get to be around Nathan all that much, but sharing a sandwich at New World Deli (he always paid!) and deep world conversations will forever be my sweet memory of him. Love and comfort to you and your family.  
Paulette

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**Paulette Roch** - August 15, 2023 at 09:51 AM

KL

“ One of my favorite cousins...my dad always enjoyed his visits with Nathan...heaven smiles...

Kim Leschber - August 14, 2023 at 09:02 AM

RM

“ Thank You - Nathan was a blessing. Enjoyed talking with him - hearing stories of Old Blue, growing tomatoes, cacti, etc. Much appreciated was Regina's post of Nathan reading to his granddaughter. This is how I remember him. I was at your wedding. Blessed. Another blessing was that my granddaughter Isabella got to meet Nathan a few years ago. Thinking and praying for the Baker Family. I was fortunate of having married into the Bakers with Bobbie.  
Ron

Ronald Lee Moore - August 13, 2023 at 03:21 PM

AJ

“ Regina, I'm so sorry to hear of Nathan's passing. I was shocked when Arlyn called. Nathan was such a good friend. We rode a many a mile on dirt roads together back in the day, memories I will cherish forever. Rest in peace my friend

Albert Jones

Albert Jones - August 13, 2023 at 01:15 PM

CB

Regina, Thinking of you and and all the family.  
Carmen Burkhart

Carmen Burkhart - August 14, 2023 at 03:38 PM

JS

“ I am so very sad to hear of Nathan passing away. Nathan and Bobbie lived across the road from us. My sister and I played with them as kids. Nathan and I played many games of Ping Pong baseball outside in the yard. We also played regular baseball with others in the neighborhood Nathan was older than me by 5 years, but always treated me just like one of the older boys in neighborhood . I will close and say so long to my friend until we meet again. You had better be ready for another game of Ping Pong baseball. .

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**Jimmie Summers** - August 11, 2023 at 11:44 PM

BM

“ I know if Roy Muston were still alive he'd be upset about Nathan's passing. He liked Nathan a lot & enjoyed many a cold beer together. Prayers for his family & Regina. Nathan tell Roy hi for us & y'all have a cold beer together.

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**Bert Muston** - August 11, 2023 at 05:57 PM

RB

Bert, Nathan loved playing Moon with Baby. He mentioned his name everytime someone would shoot with two trump and make it. He would call them "Baby Muston" That was such a great group of guys. We were so lucky to be around at the time they were all at home. Thank you for posting.

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**Regena Baker** - August 14, 2023 at 01:32 PM